

Special Report

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Health Reform Implementation Resources

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and The Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act

Earlier this year, Congress passed and the President signed landmark health insurance reform legislation, the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* (**P.L. 111-148**) and the *Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act* (**P.L. 111-152**). Senate Democrats fought hard to enact health reform that puts control over health care decisions in the hands of the American people, not insurance companies. Senate Democrats are committed to implementing health reform that brings costs down for everyone, holds insurance companies accountable, and provides Americans with the insurance security and choices they deserve.

This report is intended to provide a centralized, organized listing of resources regarding health insurance reform implementation, and it will be updated as necessary.

General Resources

- Democratic Policy Committee, Health Insurance Reform
 - DPC, detailed information on PPACA and HCERA
- The White House, Putting Americans In Control of Their Health Care
 - o The White House Blog: Health Care
- Department of Health and Human Services, HealthReform.gov
 - o <u>Letter to Hill Leadership from Secretary Sebelius Outlining HHS's Progress to Date</u> on Implementation Efforts, HealthReform.gov (undated, posted 5/10/10)

Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Office of

• Federal Register (4/19/10)

Cost of Reform

 A New Round of Old Questions on Health Insurance Reform, White House Blog/OMB Blog (5/12/10)

Early Retiree Reinsurance Program

- New Report Includes Good News for Early Retirees, White House Blog (5/25/10)
- Interim Final Rule with Comment Period (5/5/10)

- Fact Sheet: The Early Retiree Reinsurance Program, the White House (5/4/10)
- Helping Businesses Help Retirees, White House Blog (5/4/10)
- Secretary Sebelius Statement (5/4/10)
- Bringing Down Health Care Costs for America's Businesses and Seniors, White House Blog (4/22/10)
- Fact Sheet: Early Benefits from the Affordable Care Act of 2010, Reinsurance Program for Early Retirees, the White House (undated)

Employer Responsibility

Donuts, Health Insurance, and Big Business, White House Blog (5/24/10)

Fraud

- Turning Up the HEAT on Fraud, White House Blog (5/13/10)
- The Affordable Care Act: New Tools to Fight Fraud, Strengthen Medicare and Protect Taxpayer Dollars, HealthReform.gov (undated)

High Risk Pools

- Fact Sheet Temporary High Risk Pool Program, HHS (undated)
- Next Steps in High-Risk Pool Program, HealthReform.gov Blog (5/3/10)
- HHS Release, letter to Governors (4/2/10)

Medical Loss Ratio

- Sebelius Letter to NAIC, HealthReform.gov (4/12/10)
- Request for Comments Regarding Section 2718 of the Public Health Service Act (Medical Loss Ratios), HealthReform.gov (4/8/10)

Medicare

- Medicare and the New Health Care Law What it Means for You, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (5/10)
- Medicare y la Nueva Ley de Salud Lo que Significa para Usted, Centros de Servicios de Medicare y Medicaid (5/10)

Pre-Existing Conditions

• Sebelius Letter to America's Health Insurance Plans on Coverage for Children with Pre-Existing Conditions, HealthReform.gov (3/29/10)

Premium Review

- My Letter to States in Defense of Consumers, HealthReform.gov (5/6/10)
- Sebelius Calls on Governors and State Insurance Commissioners to Examine Premium Increases and Rate Review Authorities, HHS (5/5/10)
- Request for Comments Regarding Section 2794 of the Public Health Service Act, HealthReform.gov (4/8/10)

Rescissions

- <u>Care You Can Count on When You Need it Most Reform Ramps Up, White House Blog</u>
 (4/28/10)
- HHS Secretary Urges WellPoint to Immediately Stop Dropping Coverage for Women with Breast Cancer, HHS (4/23/10)

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Secretary of Health and Human Services, Authorities and Responsibilities

• <u>Health Reform and the Department of Health and Human Services, HealthReform.gov</u> (undated)

Small Business Tax Credits

- Tax Credits are First Step in Health Insurance Reform for Small Businesses, White House Blog (5/17/10)
- Administration Releases New Guidance on Small Business Health Care Tax Credit, the White House (5/17/10)
- The Affordable Care Act, Saves Money and Gives Small Business Owners More Affordable Insurance Choices, the White House (undated)
- Getting the Word Out on Health Reform's Small Business Tax Credit, White House Blog (4/19/10)
- Six Ways Health Reform will Help Small Businesses, the White House (undated)
- Small Business Health Care Tax Credit, the White House (undated)
- Small Business Health Care Tax Credit: Four Cases, the White House (undated)
- IRS Reaches Out to Millions of Employers on Benefits of New Health Care Tax Credit, IRS (undated)
- Small Business Health Care Tax Credit: Frequently Asked Questions, IRS (5/5/10)
- YouTube Primer on Health Care Credit, IRS (4/10)

Tax Provisions, General

- Health Reform, Your Taxes and the Rumor Mill, White House Blog (5/25/10)
- Affordable Care Act Tax Provisions, IRS (undated)

Therapeutic Discovery Tax Credit

- New Tax Credit Will Support Groundbreaking Research, Create Jobs, and Bring Down Costs, White House Blog, 5/21/20)
- Administration Releases Guidance for \$1 Billion Tax Credit Under Affordable Care Act to Support Biomedical Research by Small Firms, Department of the Treasury (5/21/10)
- Oualifying Therapeutic Discovery Project Credit, IRS Notice (undated)

Web Portal for Consumer Information

- Putting Control Over Health Insurance in Consumers' Hands...Through Their Fingertips,
 White House Blog (4/30/10)
- <u>Gathering Insurance Information, HHS (undated)</u>
- Fact Sheet on Establishing the Web Portal Called for in the Affordable Care Act (undated)
- Health Care Reform Insurance Web Portal Requirements, HHS Regulation (5/10/10)

Young Adult Coverage (to age 26)

- Fact Sheet: Young Adults and the Affordable Care Act: Protecting Young Adults and Eliminating Burdens on Families and Businesses, the White House (undated)
- Q & A: Young Adults and the Affordable Care Act: Protecting Young Adults and Eliminating Burdens on Businesses and Families, the White House, (undated)
- A Long Overdue Change to Help Young Adults Get Coverage, White House Blog (5/10/10)
- <u>Interim Final Rules for Group Health Plans and Health Insurance Issuers Relating to Dependent Coverage of Children to Age 26 under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, IRS/HHS (5/10/10)</u>

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- More Support for Young Adults, White House Blog (4/27/10)
- Fact Sheet, Young Adults and the Affordable Care Act, the White House (undated)
- Giving Young Adults More Peace of Mind, HealthReform.gov Blog (4/20/10)
- Tax-Free Employer-Provided Health Coverage Now Available for Children under Age 27, IRS, 4/27/10)
- Tax Treatment of Health Care Benefits Provided With Respect to Children Under Age 27, IRS Notice 2010-38, undated

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